FISCAL NOTE

HB 2717 - SB 2734

February 5, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires municipalities and counties to post their most recent charter on their own website or on the website maintained by the secretary of state, and requires that when charters are revised, the changes must be corrected on the website within three months.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- According to the Secretary of State, the number of charters posted on its website will be relatively small and can be absorbed within existing resources.
- For informational purposes, almost all municipal charters are already posted on the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) website.
- MTAS estimates that 170 of the approximately 344 municipalities (not including metropolitan governments) have websites. Based on this number, 174 municipal charters would need to be posted on the Secretary of State's website.
- The County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) estimates 86 of the 95 counties have websites. However, only two counties and three metropolitan governments have charters. Therefore, this bill would only apply to five counties.
- Any cost to local governments for posting charters on their websites can be absorbed within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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